

twenty-five years of age not enrolled in any Sabbath school of any Protestant denomination; thirteen million under twelve years of age are receiving no religious instruction. Religion is the nation's greatest asset, yet 60 per cent. of the voters of this republic, those who make the nation's laws, make no profession of any religion.

This lack of religion is threatening the security of the three pillars of modern society—the home, the Church, the State. Bolshevism—God-denying, law-defying, man-defiling—is raising its ugly head in a menacing manner. The United States Department of Justice has issued a warning that there are 300,000 "radicals" at

work in this country preaching their doctrines of lawlessness and discontent; many of them advocating a government of violence. The stream of immigration, checked by the war, is flowing again. There is every indication that it will rise higher than in any previous period and add many millions to the alien population already here.

Winning the World.

America is the Church's key possession. If the Church would win the world for Christ, it must win our own land for Him. The world needs America's example as well as her precepts. Before the great war twenty-six nations became republics, following our own. Of what value would the abstract teaching concerning the superiority of a democracy to a monarchy have been if America had shown a failure in practice, and if more than 50 per cent. of the people had openly expressed a disbelief in democracy as a desirable form of government?

How can the Church in America expect to commend Christianity to the non-Christian lands in a way that they will desire it when two-thirds of the American people are outside of the enumerated Christian ranks, and by their life and conduct contradict our Christian testimony? Home Missions involves a double duty—to save America, and through the power of America's example to commend Christ to the world as the Saviour of men.

The Church's Task.

America needs as never before Christian preachers and teachers to save her from selfishness and godliness. Legislation will not do it. Education is not enough. Only the Church with her message of love and goodwill can meet the need. It is a tremendous undertaking to give the gospel to the sixty-five millions out of the Church in our own land and bring them to a determination to make Christ supreme in their lives. But that is the Church's task. We cannot shirk or shift it. It is the task of to-day.

Missionary Force.

The Assembly's Home Missions, with its force of ministers, evangelists and teachers, is rendering a service unequalled in the history of the Church. Through the efforts of these self-sacrificing servants of the Church the gospel is being carried to multitudes of men, women and children who otherwise would be without religious advantages. New churches are planted where needed; Christian schools are maintained in destitute places, entrenched evils are driven out, and righteousness, justice and the fear of God are being built into the foundations of our country's life.

Enlarging Service.

America is a growing country, and the Home Mission enterprise is constantly enlarging. In the judgment of the Assembly \$640,000 is the minimum amount required to meet the needs and opportunities of the Assembly's Home Missions for the year 1920-21. This is 27 per cent. of the Assembly's benevolent contributions. The committee has planned its work in the expectation that \$640,000 will be received. In so far as the receipts fall short of this sum, must the work planned be postponed or abandoned.

A Plea for Equity.

The Assembly's Home Missions has not received the recommended percentage in the Progressive Program. In the \$3,500,000 campaign last year, which was over-subscribed by more than \$800,000, the Home Mission receipts were about \$160,000 less than the Assembly's apportionment for this cause. Many of the enlargements planned could not be undertaken, and the work has been retarded to that

extent. The Church does not realize the embarrassing restrictions placed upon the committee by the failure to provide adequately for this basis work.



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